

11-13-17 The remedy of rejoice

There is not much joy in grumbling, right? Grumbling makes us feel as if we are living in the basement.

Have you ever grumbled when your brother or sister was named to the Honor Roll, winning the accolades of teachers and parents? We think, “They always get the attention!” Or grumbled that a colleague was promoted but you were overlooked?

Grumbling, rather than rejoicing, is spiritual dis-ease... disease. It kills our spirit. It robs us of the abundant life Christ offers. However, rejoicing in the good fortune of others is life giving.

So here’s applause for the spirit’s work in us that enables us to rejoice and stand in the balcony.

Just a thought. I’m Sid Batts from First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greensboro, overlooking Fisher Park.